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Please find an Amendment and Response to Restriction Requirement transmitted
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In response to the Office Action of November 24, 2004, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.